WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1886

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 27, 1978

Case No. AP- 78- 38

Application of McMICHAEL SCHOOL BUS)
SERVICE, INC., for Temporary Author-)
ity to Perform Charter Operations)
Pursuant to Contract - Smithsonian)
Institution)

By application filed September 22, 1978, as amended, McMichael School Bus Service, Inc. (McMichael), seeks temporary authority to transport participants in the 1978 Festival of American Folk Life, in charter operations pursuant to a contract with the Smithsonian Institution, (a) from Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., */
to the 4-H Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md., on September 27, 1978, and (b) from Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., and Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., to the 4-H Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md., on October 3, 1978. Service would be performed in school bus vehicles at rates identical to those in McMichael's current tariff.

In support of the application, McMichael has submitted a copy of the service schedule prepared by the Smithsonian Institution as well as a letter from the Smithsonian's Director of Supply Services stating that a formal contract will be awarded to McMichael upon issuance of appropriate authority from this Commission.

Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., The Gray Line, Inc., and Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., all hold authority to provide the proposed service. However, none of these carriers operates school bus vehicles, and their counsel has advised the staff of the Commission that the carriers have no objection to a grant of the temporary authority sought herein.

Considering the immediate and urgent need for service expressed by the Smithsonian Institution and the apparent lack of carrier service

^{*/} On September 26, 1978, McMichael informed the staff of the Commission, by telephone, that no service from Dulles International Airport would be required on September 27, 1978. The application is considered to be restrictively amended to this extent.

capable of meeting that need, we are of the opinion that the criteria set forth by Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact for granting temporary authority have been met.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That the above-described application of McMichael School Bus Service, Inc., is hereby granted effective for the dates specified above.
- 2. That McMichael School Bus Service, Inc., is hereby directed to file two copies of an appropriate, executed contract with the Smithsonian Institution no later than Monday, October 2, 1978.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

W. R. STRATTON

Chairman